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PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE 1891.

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THE twenty-second meeting of the Society was held in the Library of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, beginning Thursday, June 4, at 2.45 P.M., with the Vice-President, Prof. Henry Ferguson, in the chair.

There being no quorum for business the reading of papers was taken up.

Dr. I. H. Hall stated the substance of his paper on "Deliver us from evil" in the Syriac Versions of the Lord's Prayer. He then read a note entitled, *Some Remarks on the Elzevir Greek New Testament of 1624*. Remarks were made by Prof. Moore.

A quorum being now present, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen were elected Honorary Members, in accordance with the fourth article of the Constitution.

Prof. Carl Paul Caspari, D.D.,	Christiania.
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On the nomination of Council, the following gentlemen were elected to membership in the Society :

Prof. J. H. Barbour, Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn.
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Prof. John H. Worcester, D.D., Union Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y.

The annual report of the Recording Secretary was read and approved. A general discussion ensued on methods of increasing the attendance at the meetings.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Bacon and Gillett.

Messrs Chambers, Hall, and Hincks were appointed a nominating committee to report a list of officers.

At 4 Prof. Hincks read a paper on The probable Use of the First Gospel by Luke. Remarks followed by Messrs. Moore, Bacon, Brooks, Cobb, Beecher, and Hall.

At 5.05 Rev. B. W. Bacon presented a paper on J E in the Middle Books of the Pentateuch: Analysis of Exodus i.-vii. and xiii.-xix. The reading of the paper was suspended at 5.40 by the arrival of the hour fixed for intermission.

Thursday evening, 8.25.—The report of the nominating committee was read by Dr. Hall. The following officers were elected for the coming year :

Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, *President*.

Prof. Henry Ferguson, *Vice-President*.

Rev. William H. Cobb, *Recording Secretary*.

Prof. Willis J. Beecher, *Treasurer*.

Prof. George E. Day,

Prof. Isaac H. Hall,

Prof. John P. Peters,

Prof. John A. Paine,

Prof. William R. Harper,

Associates

in Council.

The Council reported that they had elected Prof. George F. Moore Corresponding Secretary, and Prof. Edward Y. Hincks and Rev. William H. Cobb additional members of the Publishing Committee. They also reported, that the organization of the Chicago Section of the Society had been approved in accordance with the Constitution.

The Auditing Committee reported the accounts of the Treasurer to be correct, and properly vouched. The report was accepted.

At 8.35 Rev. Mr. Bacon continued his paper. Discussion followed, in which Messrs. Moore, Ferguson, Beecher, and Harper participated, Mr. Bacon making some reply.

At 9.25 Dr. Gustav Gottheil read a paper on Deuteronomy and the Wisdom Books. Prof. Beecher made a few remarks upon it, but owing to the lateness of the hour, adjournment was taken to Friday morning.

Friday June 5. The Society met at 9.50. In the absence of both President and Vice-President, Prof. Ezra P. Gould was chosen to preside.

Dr. J. A. Paine read a paper on the Canonical Introductions to the Historical Books of the Old Testament.

Comparison of Josh i. 1, 2; Jud. i. 1; Ru. i. 1; 1 Sam. i. 1, 2; 2 Sam. i. 1; 1 Ki. i. 1; 2 Ki. i. 1, 2, iii. 5, shows that these verses are run in one mould, and compels us to ascribe them to the same hand. This was the Canonical Editor. "The canon maker, when he came to bring together the different books of the Old Testament into one consecutive series, roll, or volume, thought proper to prefix to some of them an introductory clause, or phrase not unlike a formula, to indicate sequence and to establish the place of the book in the canon as following next after the preceding one, both in subject-matter and in order." The recognition of this fact removes some serious difficulties. Jud. i. 1, "It came to pass after the death of Joshua," etc. is in irreconcilable conflict with what immediately follows, i. 1^b-ii. 5. The harmonistic as well as the critical solutions of the difficulty are inadmissible. It disappears when we cancel the opening formula as an erroneous addition of the canon-maker. Similarly, the superscription Ru. i. 1, which puts the events described in the book into the time of the Judges, contradicts both the chronological data in the book (which would make Boaz contemporary with Eli) and the peaceful and idyllic character of the story itself. Here, too, the difficulty disappears when we recognize that the superscription does not come from the author of the book, but from a much later hand.

The paper will be published in full in the *Bibliotheca Sacra*.

Discussion followed by Messrs. Chambers, Moore, Bacon, Hall, and Cobb.

Dr. Hall presented a statement respecting a paper by Rev. J. N. Wright, of Salmas, Persia, on Exodus i. 16.

At 10.55 the next paper, Isaian Chips, was read by Rev. William H. Cobb, and discussed by Messrs. Chambers, Gottheil, Moore, and Bacon.

At 11.40 Prof. Moore read two notes, Conjectures on Amos v. 26 and vi. 3.

The time for adjournment having nearly arrived, the remaining papers were read by title only.

After hearing the rough minutes the Society adjourned.

The following members were present at the meeting: Messrs. Bacon, Beecher, Brooks, Chambers, Cobb, Ferguson, Gillett, Gilmore, Gottheil, Gould, Hall, Harper, Hincks, Moore, Osgood, and Paine.

WM. H. COBB,

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Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Society of Biblical Literature
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Receipts :

Balance on hand, per last Report,		\$436 03
Initiations paid,	\$30 00	
Annual Dues paid,	381 00	
Journal Account,	57 70	
Interest on Deposits,	6 85	
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Disbursements :

Journal of 1890, Part I.,		\$432 30
Journal of 1890, Part II.,		213 53
Unused article and offprints,		30 00
Expenses of Secretary, C. R. Brown,		13 11
Expenses of Secretary, W. H. Cobb,		14 00
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Envelopes,	\$ 50	
Postage and postal envelopes,	6 00	
Collections on checks,	3 20	
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND EXEGESIS.

(As amended June 13, 1889.)

CONSTITUTION.

I.

THIS association shall be called "The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis."

II.

The object of the Society shall be to stimulate the critical study of the Scriptures by presenting, discussing, and publishing original papers on Biblical topics.

III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, with five others, shall be united in a Council. These shall be elected annually by the Society, with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected annually by the Council. Additional members of the Council shall be all ex-Presidents of the Society, and the Presidents of the Sections hereinafter provided for. These shall be also a Publishing Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two others, who shall be annually chosen by the Council.

IV.

Members shall be elected by the Society upon the recommendation of the Council. They may be of two classes, active and honorary. Honorary members shall belong to other nationalities than that of the United States of America, and shall be especially distinguished for their attainments as Biblical scholars. The number of honorary members chosen at the first election shall be not more than ten ; in any succeeding year not more than two.

V.

The Society shall meet at least once a year, at such time and place as the Council may determine. On the first day of the annual meeting the President, or some other member appointed by the Council for the purpose, shall deliver an address to the Society.

VI.

Sections, consisting of all the members of the Society residing in a particular locality, may be organized, with the consent of the Council, for the object stated in Article II., provided that the number of members composing any Section shall not be less than twelve. Each Section shall annually choose for itself a President, whose duty it shall be to preside over its meeting, and to take care that such papers and notes read before it as the Section may judge to be of sufficient value are transmitted promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society. The Sections shall meet as often as they shall severally determine, provided that their meetings do not interfere with the meetings of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

I.

It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all the meetings of the Society; but, in the absence of both these officers, the Society may choose a presiding officer from the members present.

II.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to notify the members, at least two weeks in advance, of each meeting, transmitting to them at the same time the list of papers to be presented at the meeting; to keep a record of the proceedings of such meetings; to preserve an accurate roll of the members; to make an annual report of the condition of the Society; to distribute its publications, and to do such other like things as the Council may request.

III.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, and in particular, to use his best efforts for the securing of suitable papers and notes to be presented to the Society at each meeting; to prepare a list of such papers, and to place it in the hands of the Recording Secretary for transmission to the members; to receive all papers and notes that shall have been presented, and lay them before the Publishing Committee.

IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the funds of the Society, and to invest or disburse them under the direction of the Council, rendering an account of all his transactions to the Society at each annual meeting.

V.

It shall be the duty of the Council to propose candidates for membership of the Society; to elect the Corresponding Secretary and the additional members of the Publishing Committee; to fix the times and places for meetings, and generally to supervise the interests of the Society.

VI.

It shall be the duty of the Publishing Committee to publish the proceedings of the Society, and also to select, edit, and publish, as far as the funds of the Society will justify, such papers and notes from among those laid before them, as shall in their judgment be fitted to promote Biblical science.

VII.

The fee for admission into the Society shall be five dollars, besides which each member shall annually pay a tax of three dollars; but libraries may become members without the fee for admission, from which, also, members permanently residing abroad shall be exempt. The donation at one time, by a single person, of fifty dollars shall exempt the donor from all further payments, and no payments shall be required of honorary members.

VIII.

Each member shall be entitled to receive, without additional charge, one copy of each publication of the Society after his election; in addition to which, if he be a contributor to the *Journal*, he shall receive twenty-five copies of any article or articles he may have contributed.

IX.

Five members of the Council, of whom not less than three shall have been elected directly by the Society, shall constitute a quorum thereof. Twelve members of the Society shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may continue in session for the purpose of hearing and discussing papers presented.



The following resolution, supplementary to the By-Laws, with reference to the price at which members may procure extra copies of the *Journal*, was adopted June 13th, 1884.

Resolved: That the Secretary be authorized to furnish to members, for the purpose of presentation, additional copies of any volume of the *Journal*, to the number of ten, at the rate of \$1 a copy, but that the price to persons not members be the amount of the annual assessment.